

Shaarey Zedek is 115

By SHIRLEE IDEN

One of the Detroit area's historic Jewish congregations will celebrate its 115th anniversary at a dinner Sunday.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek, currently located on Bell Road, in Southfield with 100 members is one of the largest Conservative congregations in the country, according to Rabbi Irwin Groner.

What makes this anniversary remarkable is the remarkable and singular quality of continuity, he said. We live in a world where so much changes, alters and disappears. Institutions, neighborhoods and whole communities disintegrate. But here is a congregation that has retained the loyalty of successive generations.

That bears witness to the power of an idea, the endurance of a faith and the tradition in both an opportunity for expressing gratitude for the past and an occasion to re-dedicate ourselves to the ideals of the future.

Rabbi Groner believes the synagogue is needed more than ever before to help people find their way.

There's confusion about values, a search for meaning and purpose in the modern world, he said. The synagogue preserves an ancient message that the world rests on three things: study, divine service and deeds of loving kindness.

Congregation Shaarey Zedek came to be in the middle of the 19th century. Beginning in 1860 German Jews began to arrive in Michigan. Being out world persecution.

In 1859 they founded Beth El Synagogue which at first was orthodox. Later certain changes were introduced which put the congregation into the developing Reform movement. In 1861 part as the Reform was suffering its great division a synodical speed resulting in the formation of a new congregation known as the Shaarey Zedek Society.

There were 17 founders, each of whom donated one dollar which was to serve as the basis for social financial management. The congregation grew and when it was no longer strong a modest frame building was bought. Within a decade it was in adequate. It was then torn down and replaced by a larger, more imposing building that cost \$27,000.

THE BUILDING was dedicated on July 6, 1877 and press reports were carried in Warsaw and London, since this was the first synagogue structure built in Michigan.

In 1879 there were 26 Jewish congregations in the United States of which 20 were Reform. Shaarey Zedek was one of the six which were Conservative and that he reckoned among the oldest in American Jewish life.

William Sachs, president of the congregation in 1961 was Master of the Temple and is credited with the post of the building of the "Big Mac" Mackinac Bridge. Joseph Weisman, president in 1929 and D. W. Sanders, president in 1948 de-

rated the land in what was then Palestine upon which today stands Hadassah Hospital of Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

The history of the Jewish community of Detroit can be discovered in the successive synagogue buildings and locations of Shaarey Zedek beginning with downtown Detroit to the present site in Southfield, Rabbi Groner said.

To prepare for their 115th anniversary, the synagogue has an oral history project and a multi-media program with slides which have been prepared by the religious school and under the general direction of Rabbi Gerald Teller.

GUEST SPEAKER in the celebration will be Rabbi Louis Finkelshtam. Rabbi Finkelshtam is a noted scholar and religious leader and has been associated with Shaarey Zedek for 44 years.

He came to Shaarey Zedek for the dedication of the Chasidic Study Center Synagogue in 1942, Rabbi Groner said. He participated in the celebration of the synagogue's 75th anniversary in 1936, the 100th anniversary in 1961 and the centennial in 1961.

How appropriate that the celebration has been particularly modest and privately held in marking the milestone is not clear.

Several hundred people are expected to attend the 115th anniversary celebration to that the program and dinner will be held at a Community for 115 years.



Rabbi Groner is shown in the Bet Hatfilah, the main sanctuary at Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

Moral perspectives

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